

AO 91 (Rev. 08/09) Criminal Complaint

United States District Court
Southern District of Texas
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Texas

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David J. Bradley, Clerk

United States of America)
 Roberto Carlos ROMERO-Rangel)
 Mexican Citizen)
 YOB: 1989)

Case No. 14-1841-M

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of September 20, 2014 in the county of Hidalgo in the
Southern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

<i>Code Section</i>	<i>Offense Description</i>
21 USC 841	Knowingly and intentionally attempt to import into the United States from the United Mexican States approximately 22.06 kilograms (Kgs) of
21 USC 952	Methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, and did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute approximately 22.06 Kgs of
21 USC 846	Methamphetamine, a schedule II controlled substance. Furthermore, the defendant(s) did knowingly and unlawfully conspire to possess with intent to distribute the above listed controlled substances.

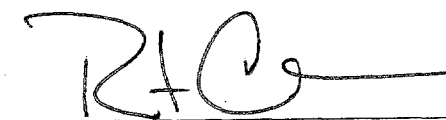
This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

On September 20, 2014, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) McAllen was notified by U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers (CBPO) at the Anzalduas Port of Entry (POE) regarding the detention of Roberto ROMERO-Rangel who attempted to smuggle 22.06 Kgs of Methamphetamine into the United States from Mexico.
 SEE ATTACHMENT "A"

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Approved by
 Joseph F. Leonard
 on 9/22/14

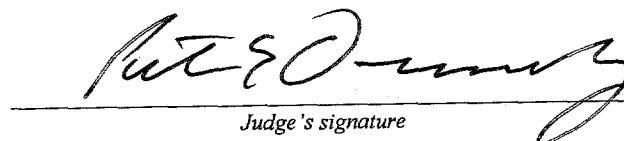
Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 9/21/20144:08 pmCity and state: McAllen, Texas

Complainant's signature

Roberto Carrera, U.S. HSI Special Agent

Printed name and title



Judge's signature

U.S. Magistrate Judge Peter Ormsby

Printed name and title

ATTACHEMENT A

- I. On September 20, 2014, at approximately 5:16 p.m. Roberto Carlos ROMERO-Rangel presented himself for inspection at the Anzalduas Port of Entry (POE) in Mission, Texas. ROMERO-Rangel stated to CBP Officers he needed an I-94 permit to go to Houston, Texas.
- II. At secondary inspection, ROMERO-Rangel's vehicle was found to contain a non-factory compartment in the bed of the truck containing twenty-two (22) bundles weighing 22.06 kilograms, which field tested positive for Methamphetamines. CBP Officers noted the non-factory compartment had "fresh" silicon and body filler, indicating the compartment was recently made. CBP Officers also located a valid I-94 permit, which had previously been issued to ROMERO-Rangel.
- III. ROMERO-Rangel stated to an HSI Special Agent that he purchased the vehicle in June of 2014. ROMERO-Rangel related he had sole possession of his vehicle for the last month, and no mechanical work had been done to the vehicle in the recent days, other than an oil change and belts adjustments. ROMERO-Rangel related he was on his way to Houston, Texas to visit a culinary school in the area.
- IV. ROMERO-Rangel later changed his statement and stated he was on his way to Houston, Texas to pick-up vehicle titles for an individual. ROMERO-Rangel stated the vehicle used to belong to a dangerous individual, therefore he stated he would rather be in jail than to know his family would be hurt if he said anything else.